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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE: UAE MINISTER OF
WATER AND ELECTRICITY.

REF: CA-6623 DTD. 8/21/73

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR
U.A.E. MINISTER OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY, WHO WILL
BE TRAVELLING TO U.S. AT OWN EXPENSE ABOUT SEPT.
15, 1975 FOR VISIT OF ABOUT THREE WEEKS.
RELEVANT BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOLLOWS:

2. NAME: SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN HUMEID AL-QASIMI
TITLE: MINISTER OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY

3. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
PRESENT: UAE MINISTER OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY
(SINCE 1971). PAST: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, RADD
AL-KHAMIMAH.

4. PERSONAL DATA:
DATE OF BIRTH: CA. 1930
PLACE OF BIRTH: RAS AL-KHAIMAH, U.A.E.
PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: UAE
ADDRESS: MINISTRY OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY
P.O. BOX 1672
DUBAI, U.A.E.
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TELEPHONE: 24278 TELEX: 5722 MALEYA DB

EDUCATION: MILITARY SCHOOL, CAIRO, EGYPT; SCHOOL OF VERY HARD KNOCKS.

5. OFFICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD: UK (11/74); IRAN (1974); EGYPT

6. KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES: ENGLISH (FAIR) ARABIC (NATIVE)

7. ELIGIBLE FOR A-1 VISA

8. TRAVELLING COMPANIONS WILL INCLUDE: YSEF DANESHVAR, CHAIRMAN, DANCHALESCO INTERNATIONAL LTD., DUBAI; ZA'L SUHAIL MUFTAH, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO THE RULER. EITHER OF THESE PERSONS ARE QUALIFIED TO ACT AS INTERPRETER AS NEEDED.

9. VISITOR'S SUGGESTIONS: TO VISIT AND OBSERVE OPERATION OF POWER GENERATING FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. HE IS INTERESTED IN VISITING DIESEL AND STEAM GENERATING SYSTEMS, AND OBSERVING THE OPERATION IN VISITING MANUFACTURERS OF STEAM TURBINES, DIESEL GENERATORS, WATER PUMPS, AND STEEL WATER TANKS.

10. POST SUGGESTIONS; ALTHOUGH VISITOR SHOULD BE TREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS MINISTERIAL RANK, HIS VISIT SHOULD INVOLVE ONLY MINIMUM REQUIRED PROTOCOL VISITS WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWER AND WATER OFFICIALS WOULD BE OF MORE DIRECT INTEREST. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISITOR'S PROGRAM SHOULD EMPHASIZE PRIVATE SECTOR, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- A. POWER PLANT OPERATION: STEAM, DIESEL, AND ATOMIC.
- B. MANUFACTURERS OF POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENT: AS LISTED ABOVE, PARA 9.
- C. MANUFACTURERS OF WATER STORAGE AND PUMPING EQUIPMENT.
- D. CONSULTING ENGINEERS IN WATER AND POWER FIELD.

SPECIFICALLY, VISITOR CONCERNED BOTH WITH DESIGN AND PLANNING NEW FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PRESENT ONES.

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E. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF DESALINATION PLANTS. PRIMARY U.S. INTEREST THIS VISIT IS COMMERCIAL, THAT IS, PROMOTING U.S. COMPANIES' PARTICIPATION IN LARGE WATER AND POWER PROJECTS PLANNED BY MINISTRY DURING NEXT 10 YEARS. SO FAR U.K. FIRMS HAVE TAKEN LARGEST SHARE OF MINISTRY WORK; HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES U.S. FIRMS COULD PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN POWER AND WATER PROJECTS IF MINISTER WERE FAMILIAR WITH U.S. CAPABILITIES

AND U.S. COMPANIES AWARE OF UAE'S NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

11. ACTION REQUESTED: CU/NEA PLS. COORDINATE WITH NEA/ARP AND
COMMERCE AS NECESSARY TO ARRANGE FACILITATIVE
ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED ABOVE. SINCE SUBJECT OF VISIT
DISCUSSED DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON SHEIKH ABDULLAH
IN MARCH, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING THIS
AS PRIORITY REQUEST. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS VISIT VERY
IMPORTANT TO U.S. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS
IN THIS COUNTRY.
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